oil is explored form the identified oil reserves as against an average of forty percent by other oil producing countries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to formulate an oil policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir. The country exploited about 4.3% of its balance of recoverable oil reserves during 1990-91 as against the world average of 2.3%.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Oil gas production is carried out at optimum levels, based on techno-economic parameters.

[*Translation*]

Complaints Regarding Issuance of Arms Licences in Uttar Pradesh

4810. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complainants regarding discrimination in issuance of arms incenses in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The State/U.T. Governments have been delegated the powers to isse arms licences in respect of non-prohibited bore weapons only. It has been left to their discretion to formulate guidelines for grant/renewal of such licenes keeping in view the prevailing laws and order situation and other relevant factors. No special complaint alleging discrimination on issuance of arms licences in UP has been received so far.

[*English*]

Utilisation of funds for development of SCs/STs

4811. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme-wise allocation to each State and the amount spent by them for the development/welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 1991-92; and

(b) the number of faminlies benefited under Poverty Alleviation Programme during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) the scheme-wise allocation can be given after the close of the Finacial year.

(b) the information will be complied for 1991-92 after the close of the financial year.

Freedom Fighters' Pensions

4812. DR. Y.S RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any représentations from freedom fighters for extension of last date for filing the applications for freedom fighters for pension;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union government thereon; and

(c) the number of applications lesson pending category-wise i.e. Hyderabad (Nizam) freedom movement and Arya Samaj Movement for grant of freedom fightes pension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Central Govt. has been reviving such representation from time to time from freedom fighters. In this connection Government decided that applications received after the last date i.e., 31.3. 92 may also be considered provided they are accompanied by documentary evidence from official records regarding the persons having undergone the minimum suffering as per the Scheme and Proper reasons for delay are given

(c) Under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme 1980, all cases received by the prescribed date i.e. 31. 3. 82 have been considered and disposed off. Similar is the position in respect of cases pertaining to the Arya Samaj movement. However, cases received after the prescribed dates and review petitions received from time to time are being considered provided they satisfy certain prescribed criteria. This is continuous process. In respect of Hyderabad (Nizam) freedom movement, however, 200 cases are pending for want of consideration by the Non-official Screening Committee whose term has expired and those would be considered on reconstitution of the committee.

Industrial Loan to SCs/STs by NSFDC

4813. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) propose to give industrial loans to the SCs/STs for setting up of industries in the Patper Ganj and Narela industrial Areas of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith terms and conditions thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). The national Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) has advised the Delhi Scheduled Castes Financial and Development corporation to prepare project reports for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes who have been allotted industrial plots in Narela industrial complex and Patpar Ganj industrial area. The project reports when received would be examined by NSFDC. Loans would be sanctioned if projects are viable and satisfy the Corporations terms and conditions which are given in the Statement attached.

STATEMENT

Information on the terms and condition sprescribed by NSFDC for giving loans, referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstrred Q. No. 4813 by Shri Ram Vilas Paswan for answer on 26. 3.92.

General terms and conditions are as under:

(i) The financial assistance is given to SCs/STs having income upto double the poverty line level.

(ii) *Term Loan;* Upto 75% project cost for fixed capital expenses. The channelsising agency pays interest to NSFDC @ 4.5% interest p.a. (Subject to a rebate of